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Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. Seventy-five hours and twenty additional hours, either inservice and/or professional growth hours, I don't know how many people in the rural areas could afford to leave their families, if that might be the case, and come back to Omaha or Lincoln, wherever these nursing institutions might be for professional growth and I don't know, there are some nurses who leave the field for four or five years and want to regain and go back into the field of employment but what is going to happen to them. Well, we know now that come 1984, that if they have not been working in the previous five years, that it is going to take seventy-five hours of additional nursing training and in addition to that twenty additional hours of some type of inservice and/or some type of professional growth and to me I think that is placing certainly an unfair burden on this particular, in this area. We don't have it for teaching. We don't have it for lawyers. We don't have it for doctors. We don't have it for any other professional group that I know of other than nursing and I guess I really question whether or not this is really necessary particularly when the availability of nurses is at an all time low. I don't know, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, that I truly understand the issue at this point. I am a little bit reluctant to support anything that is going to create any additional burdens on gaining a nursing license come 1984. Perhaps somebody could better enlighten me and even the Legislature in this regard, it certainly would be...Sam, I think, sure.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Venditte, all I would like to say is just to clarify a point that may be misunderstood here, is that if you do not adopt Senator Schmit's amendment, then, Senator Schmit's amendment delays those requirements and it delays them because of the confusion that has been created. This does not increase the level. This leaves the law as far as training is concerned the same and I would oppose any change in changing those requirements now until we do a lot more study. An awful lot of work has gone into it and I think we should leave it the way it is.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I agree, Senator Cullan. We do need the Schmit amendment and I certainly rise to support that but perhaps sometime soon we can kind of pool our resources and find out what might happen to that individual nurse come 1984 who has not practiced the previous five years, and if in fact, and if in fact, we are going to mandate that they take an additional seventy-five hours and mandate that in addition to that twenty hours of professional